

News Release

Alumni Accomplishments Recognized during 2006 Homecoming Week at UMC

*By Elizabeth Tollefson, Corby Kemmer on Tuesday, October 24, 2006*CROOKSTON, MN (October 17, 2006) – Some 150 area residents and supporters celebrated the successes of local community members at an awards dinner on Sept. 29, 2006.The Outstanding Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame recognition took place in Bede Ballroom in the Student Center. Masters of ceremonies for the evening were Stephanie Helgeson, athletic director and Corby Kemmer, director of development & alumni relations and greetings were brought by UMC Chancellor Charles H. Casey.



Outstanding Alumni recipient Katherine Torkelson Majkrzak

The Outstanding Alumni Award was presented to**Katherine (Torkelson) Majkrzak** '80, Circle Pines, Minn., by Betty Brecto. Katherine has been a software engineer and IT project leader, and currently is a principal regulatory/compliance analyst for Medtronic, Inc. in Shoreview, Minn.

Jeff Malawski '98, Hudson, Quebec, Canada, helped the University of Minnesota, Crookston to its first two national championships in campus history. In 1993-94, he was a First Team All-American defenseman, team captain and was a recipient of the Mike Davis Memorial Award. His award was presented by Bill Tyrrell.



The 2006 inductees into the Athletic Hall of Fame were: Seated (l to r): Sherry (Staff) Nelson, Jeff Malawski, Mike Gasper and Back row: Director of Development & Alumni Relations Corby Kemmer, Bob Johnson, and Chancellor Charles H. Casey.

Bob Johnson, Crookston, Minn., presented by Marv Bachmeier, served as faculty athletic representative for almost 30 years. He was a statistician for both home and away football games and worked the clock for basketball and hockey for many years.

Sherry (Staff) Nelson '86, Roseau, Minn., held career and season records in women's basketball when the University of Minnesota, Crookston was a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). She was presented her award by Harlen Stahlecker.

Mike Gasper '78, Crookston, Minn., was named to the All-Conference Football Team in 1975 and 1976, was offensive MVP, named to the All-Region XIII team and led UMC to a Northern Division Championship. Jerry Zeise '81 presented his award.

The **1973 Hockey Team**, under head coach Dale Stinar, who presented the award, and assistant coach Chuck Habstritt, won the state junior college championship and placed second in the nation. Members of the team included: Mike O'Neil, Bob Miller, Bruce Gustafson, Kyle Pearson, Dave Sage, Ron Muir, Jerry Hodgson, Jim Noel, Mike Hallie, Mike Davis, Scott Pearson, Bruce Smith, Mark Linnell, Mike Proulx, Jim Clauson, Dana Byfuglien, Wayne Moran, and Dave Currier.

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